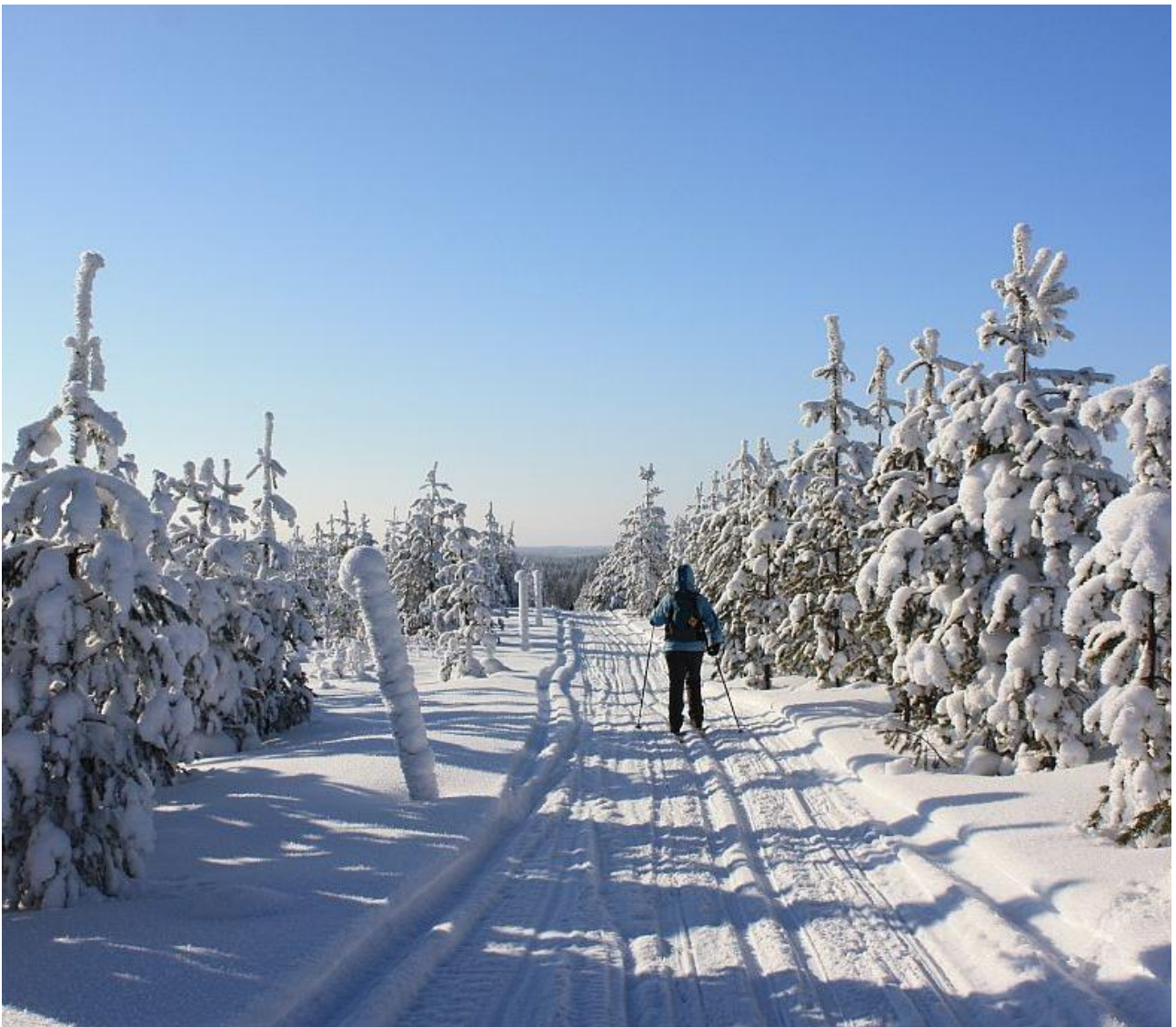


Kalevala Ski Tour Finland's Eastern Wilderness

Guided cross-country skiing tour, 100 km in five days

Season 2027

This guided cross-country skiing tour takes you to beautiful Hossa national park and to remote eastern area of Finland. You will ski through a wilderness of pristine untouched nature on the trails where you hardly encounter any other skiers. To give you the best experience, the maximum group size is 12 skiers, plus an expert tour leader. If you are lucky, and conditions are right, you might witness the Northern Lights' dancing in the night sky to top off your skiing week!



Detailed program:

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kuusamo airport where your guide will welcome you. Transfer (1 hour) to Rajakartano guesthouse located in close proximity to Hossa national park.

Day 2: Day tour in Hossa, 17 km

After breakfast we start our skiing week along well-prepared tracks of Hossa national park whose nature is dominated by handsome pine heathlands, ridge-lines, small lakes and streams. The terrain is variable with a few steep but mainly short up hills. We eat lunch at the Hossa Visitor Centre, which also has a small souvenir shop. It is said that there's nothing more Finnish than sauna and on return at the accommodation you can relax in the steaming hot, traditional Finnish sauna. The more adventurous amongst us can even try ice swimming!

Day 3: Day tour at Martinselkonen, 17 km

This morning we will take a short car transfer (45 min) to Martinselkonen wilderness Centre where we will accommodate for the next two nights. We start our circle tour towards north through Martinselkonen nature reserve which has been set up to protect the Finnish wilderness, especially the swamp areas with its many birds and insects. Martinselkonen has mires, ponds and lakes, ancient forests and spruce trees draped in beard lichen. There is a picnic stop at one wilderness huts operated by the Finnish Forest and Park Service.

Day 4: Day tour at Martinselkonen, 23 km

Today we make another day tour in Martinselkonen area, this time heading south. We will ski over frozen lakes and swamps and through forests covered in a deep, white, snowy blanket. The quietness around us is almost tangible - only the sound of skis and poles touching the snow pierce the silence.



Day 5: Martinselkonen – Arola, 22 km

It's time to say good bye to our hosts at Martinselkonen and head north through the nature reserve. These frontier forests are home to a brown bear population, however in winter they are hibernating. Also, other Finnish large carnivores - wolves, lynxes and wolverines - inhabit the area but they are extremely timid and we may only spot their tracks in the snow. In the afternoon we will arrive at Arola guest house, famous for delicious local food.

Day 6: Day tour from Arola, 20 km

On this, our last day, we will take a day tour around Arola. At half-way we will once more enjoy hot soup and a selection of sandwiches around an open fire. In the afternoon we return to Arola to enjoy its' cozy atmosphere and the warm hospitality of our hosts. There is a chance to have a final sauna, then after that, a well-deserved farewell dinner made from local ingredients will be served in the traditional log house.

Day 7: Return

Breakfast and transport to the Kuusamo airport.

Note! All rights reserved to change the itinerary (route, accommodation) in case the group is maximum three participants.



Dates and prices 2027:

Guaranteed departures without minimum number of participants / max. 12 persons

07.02. – 13.02.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

14.02. – 20.02.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

21.02. – 27.02.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

23.02. – 01.03.2027 (Tuesday - Monday), group for cross-country skiing beginners

28.02. – 06.03.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

02.03. – 08.03.2027 (Tuesday – Monday), group for cross-country skiing beginners

07.03. – 13.03.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

14.03. – 20.03.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

16.03. – 22.03.2027 (Dienstag – Montag), group for cross-country skiing beginners

21.03. – 27.03.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

28.03. – 03.04.2027 (Sunday - Saturday)

Other departures for groups on request.

Price per person in shared accommodation: Euro 1280,- / CHF 1280,-

Included in the price:

- ✓ Group airport transfer to/from Kuusamo
- ✓ 6 nights' accommodation in various lodgings: in rooms for 2–4 people in Rajakartano, Martinselkonen and Arola (two nights in each), with some toilets and showers located outside the rooms
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch (4 x al fresco) and dinner every day (evening snack on the day of arrival if arriving late)
- ✓ 5 x afternoon coffee or tea with a light snack
- ✓ Guidance from a qualified ski touring guide (English-speaking)
- ✓ Transport of luggage by the snowmobile driver from accommodation to accommodation
- ✓ Preparation of the route by the snowmobile driver
- ✓ Bed linen and towels
- ✓ Ski wax (if required)

On extra cost:

- ✓ Cross-country ski hire (can be **booked in advance** for an additional charge of €90 per set)
- ✓ The flight to Kuusamo is not included in the price. We would be happy to book a flight for you from your chosen airport.



Accommodation:

Each of the accommodations is sufficiently heated, offers enough space, electricity and of course a sauna. Depending on the size of the group, guests can be accommodated in single, double or triple rooms; triple or quadruple rooms are also available for groups of up to 12 people.

First and second night in Rajakartano

Accommodation in standard double/triple rooms, showers and toilets on the floor. Simple, cosy common room with TV and small lobby with fireplace.

<https://loma-hossa.fi/en/accommodation/rajakartano-mainbuilding/>

Third and fourth night in Martinselkonen Wilderness Centre

The guesthouse is located in a former border station and offers beds for 20 people, from single to quadruple rooms. Showers and toilets are mainly located in the corridor.

<https://www.martinselkonen.fi/en/>

Fourth and fifth night in Arola

The farm on the edge of Hossa National Park has a log cabin that serves as a dining room and offers a few bedrooms for a maximum of 14 people. Arola is known for its delicious food, mostly prepared from local ingredients.

<https://www.arolabear.com/>

Notes:

The organiser endeavours to organise the tour in such a way that each participant can complete the routes at their own pace. Please note that some cross-country skiing experience is required for this tour.

The tour from 22 to 28 March 2026 is suitable for beginners; this group starts in the opposite direction.

